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Dear Mr. Reichak:

Your letter of March 10 to President Carter has been referred to this office for reply. The Government's assumption at the time of the disappearance of Miss Earhart and Mr. Noonan was that they had died in or immediately after a tragic aircraft accident. As far as we know, there has been no conclusive evidence to support any theory contrary to the assumption that Miss Earhart and Mr. Noonan were lost at sea in the vicinity of Howland Island in the Pacific.

Since 1967 all of the Department of State files on Amelia Earhart have been open to researchers. The Department's papers in the National Archives and Records Service contain a bulky file on arrangements for the Earhart flight and a much smaller number of documents relating to the search for Miss Earhart after her disappearance. The entire file is identified as case #W.79611 Putnam, Amelia Earhart, enclosures 1 to 212 inclusive. These documents can be inspected at the National Archives and Records Service or copies can be ordered from that agency, although the cost of copying the entire file would be considerable. Inquiries about obtaining copies of papers in the file should be sent to the Diplomatic Branch, Civil Archives Division, National Archives and Records Service, Washington, D. C. 20408. Most of the Government's documentation on the search for Miss Earhart, however, is in the files of the Navy Department, which conducted the search.

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The Department of State still has in its files a few papers dated 1967 relating to a review of the Earhart case and an investigation by the Japanese Government of allegations that Miss Earhart was imprisoned on Saipan in 1937. This investigation, we were told, included a search of all available Japanese records and questioning of Japanese officials assigned to Saipan in 1937 and of former Saipan residents repatriated to Japan after World War II. This Government was informed officially by the Japanese Government that the investigation had failed to disclose any basis for the allegations. Copies of the 1960 documents, which have now also been declassified, can be obtained for a fee by writing to the Freedom of Information staff, Room 2811, Department of State, Washington, D. C. 20520. You should refer to file 270.113 Earhart, Amelia and cite that you are making your request under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act. I hope that this information will be of assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

FA

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